

United States Department Of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service
Poultry Programs, Market News Branch
60 Forsyth Street, SW, Suite 6M80
Atlanta, Georgia

Office: 404-562-5850 **Fax:** 404-562-5875 **Johnny Freeman:** 404-562-5870
Internet: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/marketnews.htm> **Recording:** 404-562-5856

June 2, 2000

Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 03-Jun-00 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week	Previous Week
	06/03/00	05/27/00
Bro-Fry	144,701	163,446
Lt Hens	1,569	2,048
Hvy Hens	1,382	1,613

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 27-May- 2000 (Thousand Head)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	219	0	219
Last Week	426	0	426
Same Wk Yr Ago	549	13	562
To Date 2000	10,430	50	10,480
To Date 1999	10,297	168	10,465

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,296	1,553	3,849
Last Week	2,299	1,584	3,883
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,823	1,418	4,241
To Date 2000	53,154	29,134	82,288
To Date 1999	56,723	28,426	85,149

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 27-May-00 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	158,730 (A)	2,077	1,553	3,630
Avg Wt	4.94	3.36	7.75	5.24
Last Week	158,827	1,873	1,584	3,457
Same Week Yr Ago	156,997	2,274	1,405	3,679
Avg Wt	5.07	3.37	7.84	5.08
To-Date/2000	3,236,472	42,724	29,084	71,808
To-Date/1999	3,170,521	46,426	28,258	74,684

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 156.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.7 million head or 4.7 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending May 20, 2000

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	40,158	31,342	44,109
Avg Weight	3.75	4.83	5.93
% Of Total /1	35%	27%	38%
Comparisons			
Last Week	34,657	35,593	42,926
Avg Weight	3.77	4.84	6.08
% Of Total /1	31%	31%	38%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	33,818	29,738	47,811
Avg Weight	3.80	4.76	6.09
% Of Total /1	30%	27%	43%
To Date/2000	669,374	639,080	819,990
To Date/1999	666,531	561,669	878,087
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 20-MAY-2000 (Thousand Head)

	Young (B)	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total
Head	3,837	8	55	3,900
Avg Wt	26.34	26.50	25.45	26.38
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	4,919	39	40	4,998
Same Week Yr Ago	4,754	10	23	4,787
Avg Wt	24.47	27.60	25.43	24.39
To-Date/2000	91,597	325	768	92,690
To-Date/1999	94,507	309	618	95,434

(B) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 27,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
For Additional Information, Please Call (404) 562-5850.